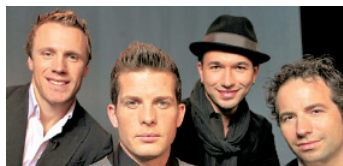


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## Citizenship. Oath



► Santa Claus himself reaffirmed his Canadian citizenship yesterday morning.

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## New Canadians make it official

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney was on hand as 100 citizens from 32 countries were sworn in at a special ceremony in downtown Calgary yesterday morning. Even jolly old St. Nick took part in the ceremony, reaffirming his citizenship. "This is such an important day for Canada's newest citizens," Kenney said. "Today, our history also becomes their history, and their future becomes our future." Story, page 3.

## Terry's wish comes true

Drop-In Centre sending client to New Orleans {pages 4-5}

## You're down to the wire

Last-minute gift ideas for you procrastinators {pages 24-28}

# Armed hijackers send cabbie to hospital

- Victim reportedly wrestled knives away from men
- One suspect in custody as police hunt for the other



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A longtime employee of Checker Cabs is recovering from minor injuries following a hijacking on Calgary's outer limits yesterday morning.

The driver, a 45-year-old who has been with the company for roughly 20 years, picked up two intoxicated individuals in the Temple area around 8:30 a.m., said company vice-president Kurt Enders.

After roughly 20 to 30 minutes, the individuals asked the driver to pull over on Wrangler Way, an industrial area east of 84th Street NE, Enders said.

"They had to go to the washroom," he said. "When they got back into the car, the passenger in the front pulled a knife on our driver."

The driver suffered cuts to his hands while fending off the attackers before finally surrendering the vehicle. A passerby then spotted the driver and phoned po-

### After the attack

- The stolen taxi was reportedly found a short time after the incident, near Bishop McNally High School in the Falconridge area.
- One suspect was arrested near a gas station on Falconridge Boulevard, an eyewitness reported.
- An official with Checker Cabs said there was no security camera installed in the taxi where the incident occurred.

lice. He was taken to hospital and treated. "His spirits are relatively high, given what he has gone through," Enders said. RCMP Sgt. Patrick Webb said carjackings are rare, and added that police were still investigating the incident.

"With the injuries to the taxi driver, we have not been able to sit down and get all the details from him," he added.

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## Teenager charged with forcible confinement

The alleged forcible confinement of a 16-year-old girl by her teen boyfriend Tuesday night is "very unusual," according to a police spokesperson.

Acting Staff Sgt. Mark Hatchette said around 9 p.m., police responded to a call that a young girl was being held against her will in a southeast home.

Hatchette said the victim called a friend, who then alerted police. The victim managed to escape the home and was followed by the suspect, who was then caught by police.

The 15-year-old suspect is currently in hospital recovering from injuries he suffered during the arrest. He is facing one charge of forcible confinement.

● KATIE TURNER

## Suncor hit with fine

Oilsands giant Suncor has been fined \$200,000 for dumping material harmful to fish into a northern Alberta river.

Suncor Energy Inc. was fined Tuesday after pleading guilty to federal Fisheries Act charges.

Environment Canada says the fine was for the release of effluent in 2008 from sediment ponds built as part of Suncor operations near the Steepbank River north of Fort McMurray.

The material in the water was clay and other natural materials and did not include oilsands or tailings pond effluent, Mike Bell, an Environment Canada spokesman, said yesterday.

"It was total suspended solids — matter suspended in water," Bell said.

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► John Wang, 4, is excited to see his mother Dong Han Ju become a Canadian citizen yesterday.

# New citizens, Santa welcomed

- Federal immigration minister on hand for citizenship ceremony
- Participants take official oath and sing national anthem

Canada's newest residents were sworn in just in time for Christmas yesterday, joining Santa Claus himself for the official ceremony.

Immigration Minister Jason Kenney said St. Nick can be "rest assured, as a Canadian citizen living Canada's North, he can re-enter freely once his trip around the world is complete."

Beyond Santa's reaffirmation, the ceremony

held special significance for residents like Iranian native Atousa Samie.

"I love everything about Canada," she said. "It's a freedom country ... I don't like the weather, but everything else is perfect."

Others took the opportunity to have a little fun at the ceremony.

Niv Stilman, his wife and two sons all donned T-shirts of longtime Canadian

rockers Rush.

When asked about his favourite song, the former resident of Israel replied, "All of them."

Kester Nwaekeze said the ceremony represented the end of a four-year journey for his family.

"We came here from Nigeria in 2006," he said. "We're here for economic reasons, to get a better life, better schooling."

● JEREMY NOLAIS

### Details

- The citizenship ceremony took place in the Harry Hays Building downtown and lasted roughly an hour.
- A total of 100 individuals from 32 different countries were sworn in.
- The new residents previously completed a citizenship exam.

## Attempted sex assault reported in northwest

Calgary police are investigating an attempted sexual assault in the city's northwest from earlier this week.

On her way home Monday evening, a woman in the 5300 block of 53rd Avenue NW was approached by a male from behind and struck in the head several times, police say.

### 9 p.m.

A woman claims a man attempted to sexually assault her around 9 p.m. near the Dalhousie LRT station Monday.

"She was scared and she fought for quite a while

until he finally gave up and ran away," said Det. Shawn Sykes.

The suspect is described as being 25 to 40 years old, with a medium build and low voice. ● JEREMY NOLAIS



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### News in brief

#### Escape attempt fails

**CRIME.** Banff RCMP say they were investigating a robbery when one of the suspects tried to escape onto a balcony.

He slipped, fell three storeys and landed on a police car.

Police say he wasn't seriously hurt.

The four men face drug, theft and obstruction charges in Banff and

Calgary. THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### Electrical fires extinguished

**BLAZES.** A series of electrical fires in the city's southeast kept Enmax and the Calgary Fire Department busy yesterday.

Two fires in the 3000 block of 54 Avenue SE resulting from a power surge and downed power lines led to the release of hydrogen sulphide.

Chemicals were contained and power restored to the area yesterday afternoon. ● METRO



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# Granting Terry's wish

► Clients at the Drop-In Centre make requests for Christmas gifts, which are then sponsored ► Program was started five years ago

Terry Pettigrew doesn't know how much longer he has to live, but he knows exactly where he wants to go before he dies.

Pettigrew, 58, is a client of the Drop-In Centre and was recently diagnosed with terminal cancer. He made a request through the centre's Christmas Wish-List program for a Greyhound bus ticket to the Big Easy. He didn't think there was any chance it would be granted.

"The thing is, I don't know how long I'm going to be here, so I figured get a little travelling in and then whatever happens, happens," Pettigrew said Tuesday.

## WishList

- There are more than 800 clients on the Christmas WishList.
- Roughly 200 clients still need to have their wishes sponsored.
- The full WishList can be found at [www.thedi.ca](http://www.thedi.ca).

"I've managed to make New Orleans twice, but I've never made Mardi Gras ... I don't think it will happen, but you never know."

Pettigrew has been coming to the Drop-In Centre for three years and became ill this summer.

He was diagnosed with Stage 3 squamous cancer

throughout his body in August.

Former employee Jessica MacDonald said she became close with Pettigrew when she started working at the centre in 2009 and noticed he was ill this past summer.

"He's a kind, charming, passionate gentleman and he's probably one of my favourite people that I've ever met and I just felt like he deserved his wish," she said. "I actually was the one that interviewed him for his wish, so it was one of those things where I knew I wanted to sponsor him because I knew what he was going through."

MacDonald, who now

works with the United Way, was able to raise the money through donations from co-workers and her own personal contributions and granted Terry's wish yesterday.

In an emotional exchange yesterday, MacDonald told Pettigrew, "I was your sponsor," as she handed over the bus pass.

"I never thought it would be," Pettigrew said, tears streaming down his face.

Pettigrew will be leaving for a 15-day trip to New Orleans Feb. 12.

When asked what it means to him, he said, "Everything. It's a new start to life." ● KATIE TURNER



► Terry Pettigrew, right, was granted his Christmas wish yesterday by former Drop-In Centre employee Jessica MacDonald.

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# Provinces win right to regulate in-vitro fertilization

► Justice Thomas Cromwell offers determining view in split vote ► Says many provisions fall under provinces

A divided Supreme Court of Canada has upheld the right of the provinces to regulate in-vitro fertilization. But the court said the federal government is within its rights in banning cloning and human hy-

brids.

The court issued a divided advisory opinion that grappled with the "weighty moral concerns" of assisted reproduction. It upheld in part a 2008 Quebec Court of Appeal decision that declared Ottawa overstepped itself in asserting its right to regulate the use of human sperm, eggs and embryos.

The court split 4-4-1 with Justice Thomas Cromwell offering the determining view in what amounted to an analysis of the constitutional rights of provinces to control health care.

Four other judges upheld the right of the provinces to regulate health care.

Justices Louis Lebel and Marie Deschamps wrote that although assisted hu-

man reproduction "raises moral and ethical questions," an overriding federal criminal law was not justified.

Quebec filed a constitutional challenge to the 2004 federal Assisted Human Reproduction Act and was supported by three other provinces. The province argued that Ottawa was treading on provincial jurisdiction over health care.

The act regulated the use of sperm, eggs and embryos, while banning clones and hybrids. Ottawa maintained it had the right make criminal laws and that the purpose of the act was to protect the "health, safety and public morals" of Canadians.

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## Potential pardon stirs outrage



Did governor promise Billy the Kid pardon for testimony? Scan or visit metronews.ca for story.

### Christmas. Miracle



► In a photo taken earlier this month, Tracy Hermanstorfer watches as Coltyn offers dad Mike Hermanstorfer a bite of a french fry at their home in Colorado Springs, Colo.

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## Happy to be alive, one year later

Tracy Hermanstorfer, now 34, went into cardiac arrest while preparing to give birth to Coltyn at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs on Dec. 24, 2009. Doctors quickly delivered Coltyn by emergency Cesarean section, but he appeared lifeless. Mike Hermanstorfer, who was at his wife's side when her heart stopped beating, thought he had lost both her and their newborn son. But doctors revived Coltyn as Hermanstorfer cradled him in his arms, and about 45 minutes later, a nurse told him his wife's pulse had inexplicably returned.

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# U.S. military gays don't have to lie anymore

► 'I say to all Americans, gay or straight ... we will be honoured to welcome you into the ranks': Obama

Declaring that members of the U.S. military will no longer be asked to lie, U.S. President Barack Obama fulfilled a campaign promise yesterday and signed a landmark law repealing the ban on gay men and women serving openly in the armed services.

The signing ceremony was a breakthrough moment for the U.S. gay community, the military and for Obama himself.

The president vowed during his 2008 campaign to repeal the law and faced pressure from liberals, a significant base in his Democratic party, who complained he was not acting swiftly enough.



► Barack Obama

The new law is the second of three expected victories in what's turned out to be — for Obama — a surprisingly productive post-election Congress.

Weeks after his self-described "shellacking" in the Nov. 2 vote, he has won lopsided approval of a tax cut compromise with the opposition Republicans, and the Senate is poised to deliver his top foreign policy goal: Ratification of a new nuclear arms treaty with Russia.

The new law affecting the military ends the 17-year-old "don't ask, don't tell" policy that forced gays to hide their sexual orientation or face dismissal. Its repeal comes as American public opinion on such issues as gay marriage and gay rights in general has grown more tolerant.

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# Breastfeed ban out

► Woman was 'mostly shocked and felt a bit humiliated' after being asked to leave an exhibit room while breastfeeding in Edmonton art gallery

The Art Gallery of Alberta will no longer ban breastfeeding after an Edmonton mother complained that she was told to leave an exhibit room because food and drink weren't allowed

around the artwork.

Jill Janicki said she was in the provincial gallery with another mother on Friday when her seven-month-old daughter Lauren got hungry. She moved

to a set of benches in the middle of the room and began feeding her.

That's when Janicki said a security guard approached and told her she would have to stop and

move into the hallway.

She and her husband, took to Facebook where they posted a letter of protest that they had sent to the executive director.

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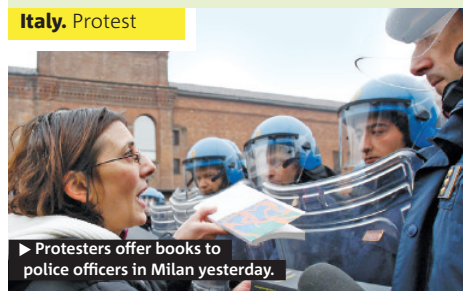
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## Italy. Protest



► Protesters offer books to police officers in Milan yesterday.

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## Students protest cuts

Students in cities across Italy are again taking to the streets to protest university budget cuts that are expected to be approved by parliament.

## Mom admits to killing son, hiding body: Docs

An U.S. woman told police investigators she fed her three-year-old son olive oil and vinegar until he stopped breathing and died, then wrapped his body in a blanket and hid it for more than a year, according to court documents.

Fort Wayne police arrested Latisha Ann Lawson, 31, this week after family members reported her and her two children missing. Offi-

### Court briefs

Lawson, 31, told investigators that in November 2009 she fed Jeziah the olive oil and vinegar because she was frustrated with his temper tantrums, according to Allen County court documents.

cers found Lawson and her 10-year-old daughter living in a house that a church had provided for them in recent weeks.

They also found a young boy's remains inside a tote bag at the home, and a coroner yesterday ruled strangulation as the child's cause of death. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Border drills raise Korea tensions

► Massive exercise will involve 800 troops ► 33 kilometres south of border

South Korea vowed yesterday to "completely punish" North Korea if it attacks again, and mobilized hundreds of troops, tanks and helicopters for a massive military exercise prompted by high tensions on the peninsula.

The firing drills planned for today near the Koreas' heavily armed land border signalled that South Korea is willing to risk further escalating tensions with North Korea, which shelled a southern island off the western coast on Nov. 23 and stirred up a war-like atmosphere.

The attack, which killed four people, was portrayed by Pyongyang as a retaliation for southern military exercises on Yeonpyeong

island that day.

South Korea has conducted 47 similar military drills this year, and it scheduled one more exercise for Thursday in response to the North Korean attack, an army officer said on condition of anonymity, citing department rules. Thursday's drill will be the biggest-ever wintertime joint firing exercise that South Korea's army and air force have staged, an army statement said.

"We will completely punish the enemy if it provokes us again like the shelling of Yeonpyeong Island," Brig. Gen. Ju Eun-sik, chief of the army's 1st armoured brigade, said separately.

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Big snow. U.S. west



► Cross country skiers in Crested Butte, Colo., yesterday.

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## There's more coming

The U.S. National Weather Service has posted a winter storm warning for areas in Utah and the western mountains of Colorado. Flood warnings are also posted in Southern California from the same storm that reached from Hawaii to Colorado earlier this week.

## Heathrow boss forfeits bonus

Heathrow's boss announced yesterday he would give up his hefty bonus this year after the world's busiest international airport was crippled by snowy conditions. Air and train travel throughout Europe finally began to return to normal.

Temperatures have picked up in Britain and about 70 per cent of Heathrow's planned departures — some 900 flights — were expected to operate yesterday. Air-

lines are trying to clear a backlog of cancelled flights, after iced-over runways and planes triggered days of chaos and misery for those seeking to travel elsewhere for Christmas.

Eurostar, which offers train services between England, France and Belgium, said routes were operating a near-normal schedule. Still it urged on-ly customers with tickets to show up at terminals.

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## Police don't waffle on charges

A 31-year-old man charged with mischief after throwing waffles on the ice at a Toronto Maple Leafs game says he did it out of frustration at the underperforming team.

"I'm just a normal Leafs fan and love them to death," Joseph Robb of Oakville, Ont., said yesterday in an interview.

**28** Toronto currently stands 28th in the 30-team league with a 12-17-4 record. The Leafs were trailing 5-1 at the time of the waffle toss.

day in an interview.

His love affair will be from a distance, however, after being barred from the Air Canada Centre.

Further punishment could follow from a January court appearance.

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# 'The Fat One' brings Spain joy

► Thousands of tickets win money ► Lottery sales remain stable despite country's economic woes

Spain's beloved Christmas lottery sprinkled 2.3 billion euros (\$3 billion US) in holiday cheer across the country yesterday, winnings eagerly welcomed by a nation facing 20 per cent unemployment.

The lottery billed as the world's richest has no single jackpot but operates a complex share-the-wealth system in which thousands

of five-digit numbers win at least something. It is known as "El Gordo" (The Fat One) and dates back to 1812. Tax-free winnings range from the face value of a 20 euro ticket to a top prize of 300,000 euros.

The sweepstakes informally ushers in the Christmas season. Many Spaniards spend the day glued to TV sets, radios and

computers, waiting to see if they are among the lucky. People often team up to buy shares of tickets sold by bars, sports clubs and business offices.

In lottery-crazed Spain — there are easily a dozen others beside the Christmas one — sales of El Gordo tickets remained stable from last year.

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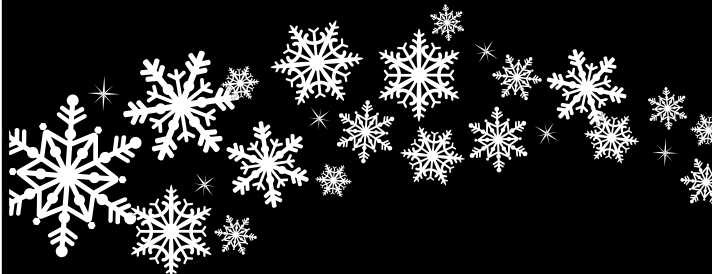
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## Magnate. Corporate compromise



► Magna's Frank Stronach speaks in Markham in this May photo. The battle between Magna International founder Frank Stronach and minority shareholders of MI Developments Inc. has ended in a truce that will give him ownership of several racetracks in exchange for control of the company, according to a report.

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## Stronach settles with Magna shareholders



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# Economy faces risks in 2011: Report

► Canada's economy to grow by 2.3%, unemployment to remain at 7.9%: IMF

The risks to Canada's economic recovery are increasing and could curtail growth in the future, the International Monetary Fund warns in a new outlook for the country.

Overall, the fund's end-of-the-year report on Canada gives a generally positive assessment, especially in comparison to other countries.

But it cited several "key risks" that could restrain the recovery and growth in

employment, including an overheated housing market, high household debt and the weak recovery in the U.S.

"Risks are elevated and tilted to the downside with high household debt levels the main domestic risk, and a weaker U.S. outlook the largest external risk," the report states.

In a conference call, IMF Canadian mission chief Charles Kramer said the good news is that an eco-

**"It's important to remain vigilant to any risks that could emerge. ... we have confidence that the authorities are very much on the same page."**

CHARLES KRAMER,  
IMF CANADIAN MISSION CHIEF

nomie collapse in Canada is not the most likely sce-

nario, and if a downturn were to occur, Ottawa and the Bank of Canada have room to respond.

He noted that, unlike other countries, the central bank's policy interest rate is at one per cent — not zero — so governor Mark Carney has room to cut.

And Ottawa's fiscal position is also far better than many other advanced countries, with relatively low net debt to gross domestic product. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**





## Report: Firms set for buying spree

The high loonie, increasing demand for goods in Asia and companies looking to spend their idle cash will lead to more mergers

and takeovers involving Canadian businesses next year after a slight dip in 2010, according to KPMG.

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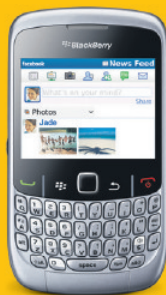
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# WHAT'S A TRADITION WITHOUT TRADITION?

He says ...

**JOHN MAZEROLLE**



It's that special time of year when columnists write irritating clichés like "it's that special time of year."

I'm contributing to the ritual this year because it's become clear I don't have enough annual traditions.

I've fought against repeating myself my whole life: When the bartender knows what I want, it's time for a new drink. When I'm starting to enjoy a job, it's time to move. When it seems I've settled on a toothpaste, it's time to brush around. (Keep it under your cap, but Crest and Colgate don't even know about each other.)

This approach gives me the benefit of feeling like my life is tumultuous even when it's stagnant — the life equivalent of

splashing in the bathtub.

I do have a few traditions, but nothing reassuring: I bang my hip on the corner of the kitchen table with the precision and regularity of the Queen's Guard. I watch the Boston Bruins lose in the playoffs, like clockwork, every spring. And every time I'm in my hometown my best friend and I go to a major fast food chain and order the "special" burger of the moment. I eat it first and describe in detail just how horrible it is, then he eats it and agrees.

You see why I would want some more heartwarming (not heart-burning) traditions.

My Christmases are not consistent, except that they keep getting worse. This year it's my only day off, with five days of work on one side and six on the other. Ho ho ho.

**"This approach gives me the benefit of feeling like my life is tumultuous even when it's stagnant ..."**

And I grew up with all the traditions: Warm house; stockings; presents; food; family; mother yelling. "Why can't we have a nice Christmas?!" and running off to cry. (That happened twice, which makes it

tradition.)

I need some of that again. So here are a few Yuletide rituals I'm considering:

- Join the Christians who complain that the words "Happy

Holidays" are an assault on their faith, rather than an attempt to include other faiths. I'm not Christian, but it's fun to be the underdog, especially when you number two billion.

- Recreate the big family Christmas. Set up a huge table with 12 place settings, all the trimmings, decorations, and a children's table off to the side. Then sit at it alone in contemplative silence.

- End the annual Christmas column with irritating clichés like, "Best of the season to you and yours" and "Merry Christmas."

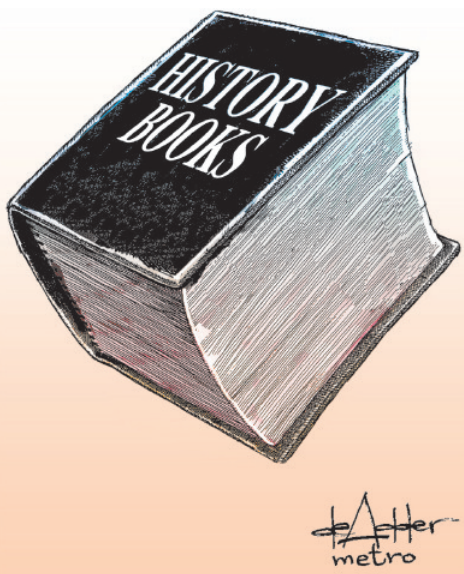
Oh, and best of the season to you and yours. Merry Christmas!



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## Certainly not child's play

**Worth mentioning**

It came with wobbly writing and hand-drawn diagrams, but an elementary school science project has made it into a peer-reviewed journal from Britain's prestigious Royal Society.

Biology Letters published a report yesterday conducted and written by a group of eight- to 10-year-olds from an English elementary school investigating the way bumblebees see colours and patterns.

The scientific organization said the children reported findings that were a "genuine advance" in the field of insect colour and pattern vision.

**'Genuine advance'**



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Working with a neuroscientist from University College London, the children carefully documented their methodology and discussed the data they collected.

The group trained bees to go to targets of different colours by giving them a sugar reward, and reported that the insects are able to learn and

remember cues based on colour and pattern. Scientists who commented on the kids' report in the journal say although the experiments were modest and lacked statistical analyses, they were cleverly and correctly designed and hold their own compared to those conducted by highly trained specialists. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**What was your favourite memory of 2010?**

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## Metro Minute at Stillness Of Things

Art enthusiasts have one more chance today to see Calgarian Bill Laing's latest creations at the Herring Kiss Gallery. The collection, entitled Stillness Of Things, aims to slow the viewer's intake of images by using multi-layers.

Laing, who is known for his detailed textures and patterns, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, before im-

migrating to Canada in 1960. He has been showing his work in Calgary since 1976. The exhibition officially wraps up today with a final showing from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Herring Kiss Gallery is located at 709A-11th Ave. SW. For more information, visit [herringkissgallery.com](http://herringkissgallery.com) or call 403-228-4809.

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► Bill Laing with some of his previous work.

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## Scene in brief



Christian Bale will star in Chinese filmmaker Zhang Yimou's new project about 13 young prostitutes who help save compatriots from Japanese troops rampaging Nanjing, the latest film exploring a World War II-era atrocity that stirs nationalism in China.

Bale, currently co-starring in the boxing drama *The Fighter*, will portray an American priest in the movie, which is expected to start filming in Nanjing on Jan. 10, the Chinese director told reporters yesterday.

Bale was picked because of his versatility and dedication to his roles, Zhang said, noting he was impressed by the research Bale did into the history of the massacre.

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CBS to bring 3 rookie series aboard for midseason; *Blue Bloods*, *Rules* get new slots



► The Canadian Tenors, from left, Fraser Walters, Clifton Murray, Victor Micallef and Remigio Pereira. With help from Oprah Winfrey, success-crammed 2010 was a 'Perfect Gift' for the popera quartet.

# The ultimate bromance

- By late 2009 the Canadian Tenors had built a solid homegrown following
- Group's popularity skyrocketed after they appeared on the Oprah show

A year after releasing their first hit album, the Canadian Tenors are delivering *The Perfect Gift*, a compilation of traditional and contemporary holiday music.

"You have the classics like *O Holy Night* and *Silent Night*, but there are songs that are not necessarily Christmas-specific," explained tenor Victor Micallef. "Some great producers worked on that, as

well," added band mate Clifton Murray. *Hallelujah* was (produced by) Bob Ezrin, who worked on *The Wall*.

That's as in Pink Floyd's *The Wall* — just one of many aspects of the Tenors that may surprise. The quartet's clean-cut, all-North American looks scream "pre-fab," and, indeed, the band was the brainchild of Canadian composer Jill Ann

**"We started grassroots and just slowly built up. We cut our teeth on the road doing that."**

CANADIAN TENOR REMIGIO PEREIRA

Siemens, who first started work on the project some 10 years ago. The current configuration of the group is Victor Micallef, Clifton Murray, Remigio

Pereira and Fraser Walters.

The recent holiday album was released in October, months after the group's debut album *The Canadian Tenors* ranked at the top of Billboard's Classical Albums chart.

Before making inroads in the U.S., Pereira said, the group did 12 shows in 12 small towns in western Saskatchewan.

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## Joined at the hip

The Canadian Tenors spend more time together on the road than they do with their families these days.

► The four wrapped up their 2010 tour schedule Tuesday night in Fort Worth, Texas.

► They plan to head back north, to the singers' respective homes for the holidays.

## Kenny vs. Spenny quarrel through the holidays

In this season of peace-on-earth and goodwill-toward-men, leave it to longstanding rivals Kenny Hotz and Spencer Rice to flout the holidays with the crudest Christmas show they can muster.

The *Kenny vs. Spenny* Christmas Special presents the outrageous frenemies at their festive worst, and marks the duo's final showdown as they wrap their outlandish series after six seasons.

**"We couldn't keep going. Our relationship is hanging by a thread as it is."**

SPENCER RICE

"Spenny killed it. Spenny killed the show — he didn't want to do it anymore, he's a quitter," Hotz says in a recent interview at a downtown cafe, seated next to Rice.

"Not true," Rice inter-



► Kenny Hotz

jects. "I didn't want to do it from season one ... but I didn't kill it.... We both, at the exact same moment and time, decided, 'Enough.'"

True to form, the divisive duo can't help but quarrel until the bitter end.

*Kenny vs. Spenny* ends its run after 87 episodes that included crass challenges such as "Who can wear a dead octopus on their head the longest?"

(to name one of the duo's less raunchy competitions, many of which are unprintable).

Invariably, the wise-cracking Kenny stooped to underhanded tactics to assure himself victory and the right to inflict the most indignant humiliation he could on his more scrupulous and sensitive partner. The *Kenny vs. Spenny* Christmas Special airs today on Showcase.

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## Album reviews

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**Ghostface Killah****Album:** Apollo Kids**Label:** Def Jam

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After subjecting us to a deadpan R&B experiment a year ago, Ghostface gets back on track with his ninth album. Even without RZA behind the boards, Apollo Kids manages to evoke Wu-Tang's

classic era. Ghost's raucous street-smart narratives are as inspired as ever over an assortment of dusty soul samples. He still manages to outdo his contemporaries with a nostalgia trip that's as raw and poised as anything he's done. **Outstanding track:** Troublemakers

● CAM LINDSAY

**Jamie Foxx****Album:** Best Night of My Life**Label:** Sony

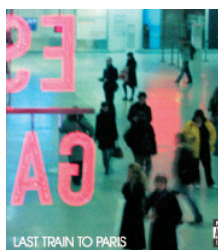
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Jamie Foxx has discovered that "martini" rhymes with "bikini" which is about as deep as it gets on the latest from the Oscar-winning movie star with the silken voice. This is Hollywood hip hop at its most familiar. It gets a tad tedious listening to Foxx tell us over and over again

what a great guy he is ... as he does with the help of Justin Timberlake on the chart-targeted track, Winner (and several other tracks here). Okay, Jamie, we get the message. Foxx is best here when he's on the woo, as in his duet with Drake in Fall For Your Type. A little humility can go a long way.

**Outstanding track:** Winner (with Justin Timberlake)

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**Diddy-Dirty Money****Album:** Last Train To Paris**Label:** Bad Boy

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"This is a brand new sound. This will change your life." For Diddy, this promise is at least half true. Last Train To Paris sees this long gestating concept album come to life through his new group featuring singers

Dawn Richards and Kaleena Harper. With gaudy production and a heavy guest list, Diddy's "electro-hip-hop-soul-funk" vision is ambitious, but derails when Diddy isn't in full control. Last Train To Paris won't change your life, but at least it's a fun ride.

**Outstanding track:** Shades

● CAM LINDSAY

**Stereos****Album:** Uncontrollable**Label:** Universal

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Stereos is Canadian kiddy rock, music planned for young girls not long weaned off the Doodlebops. These season-one Disband stars sing a song called Girls in the Club for tweens still several years away from ever realistically gain-

ing entrance to one. It's boy band music wrapped in a punk veneer. Track two is a particularly aggravating song horribly misnamed Attitude, in which singer Pat Kordyback almost summons up the courage to say the word "ass." He never does, of course. Too risqué.

**Outstanding track:** Yeah Yeah Yeah

● GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM

**Keyshia Cole****Album:** Calling all Hearts**Label:** Universal

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Keyshia Cole's latest does away with some of the

more upbeat pop found on her 2008 disc, A Different Me, instead returning to the slow burning soul jams found on her earlier albums. Although she works with a whole whack of producers including Timbaland and Irv Gotti, the disc is fairly consistent



— it's loaded with big, soaring hooks and songs about her family.

However, while the record starts strong — title track I Ain't Thru is a catchy club track featuring Nicki Minaj — too many slow songs drag the record down. **Outstanding track:** I Ain't Thru

● BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

**Keri Hilson****Album:** No Boys Allowed**Label:** Universal

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Despite the title of Keri Hilson's latest disc, the record is filled with collaborations from the boys including Timbaland, Kanye and Chris Brown. Hilson, however, should have

stuck to using her own voice. It sometimes feels like the accomplished songwriter, who only contributed her writing skills to five of 11 songs, has gone missing. The Rihanna-like soul pop is fun but that's all it is. **Outstanding track:** Buyou

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# Mad Men heads top 10

► Television had its share of ups and downs in 2010, here's The Associated Press' top picks for the year

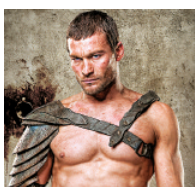


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## Mad Men (AMC)

This series' fourth season resumed in November 1964 with magnetic ad man Don Draper (series star Jon Hamm) divorced and struggling at his startup agency. The season ended a year later as Draper found love — or so he thought — with his beautiful young secretary. Maybe the series' best year yet.

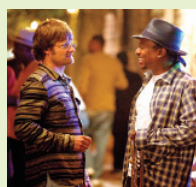
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# 2

## Spartacus: Blood and Sand (Starz)

With all the bloody violence, you felt the urge to take a shower. With all the hardbodies and hanky-panky, you wanted to take a cold shower. An orgiastic blend of hyper-realism and epic fantasy, with an outstanding cast including Lucy Lawless (Xena: Warrior Princess), this show is a wicked treat unlike anything else on TV.



# 3

## Treme (HBO)

Set in the months after Hurricane Katrina, this drama is a sometimes joyful, sometimes painful homage to New Orleans. There is plenty of evident rage over the preventable disaster that resulted from Katrina. But there's also music, soul and cultural zest propelling this saga of a city determined to get back on its feet.



# 4

## 30 Rock (NBC)

By now, its fifth season, this wildly celebrated comedy should either be feeling its age or larded with self-satisfaction.

Instead, it's as zany, fresh and inspired as ever. Its send-up of big business, with a conglomerate called Kabletown devouring GE Sheinhardt NBC Universal, has represented 30 Rock at its wackiest.



# 5

## Walking Dead (AMC)

A tattered band of survivors faced a zombie invasion in Atlanta (and who knows how far beyond) in a drama that proved macabre, suspenseful, poignant and horribly funny.

Its all-too-fleeting six-episode first season left the audience as ravenous as zombies to feast on the monstrous twists surely lurking next year.

## Five more

Those shows that just missed out on a place in the top five.

- 6. Super Bowl Ad with Dave, Jay and Oprah (CBS) Produced on the sly and aired just once, during last February's Super Bowl telecast.
- 7. Luther (BBC America) Idris Elba (The Wire) stars as the charismatic, tormented Luther.
- 8. The Good Wife (CBS) In its second season, this courtroom-and-family drama has been even better and more surprising than before.
- 9. Carlos (Sundance Channel) Edgar Ramirez stars as Carlos the Jackal.
- 10. God in America (PBS) Frontline and American Experience documentary.

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# The highs and lows of Hollywood 2010

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It's been an odd year, 2010, with some surprise box office hits (Hey there, Alice in Wonderland) and high-profile misses (Burlesque, I'm looking at you) mixed in with the usual Twilight and Harry Potter cash cows. With the holidays — and awards season — upon us, we try to make sense of it all by tallying up the best and worst films of 2010.

## Up and down

### Inception

A triumph of storytelling, visuals and emotion, Christopher Nolan's dream-scape is an all-around winner.



### Sex and the City 2

It's rare for a movie to be this aggressively bad, especially when it's part of a beloved, successful TV and film franchise. Whether it was the worse-than-usual puns, the recession or the cultural tone-deafness, this was a tour de force of awfulness.

## Ups

### The Social Network

As timely as it is entertaining, David Fincher's Facebook movie gets great performances from its young cast, but it's Aaron Sorkin's screenplay that is the real star here.

### Never Let Me Go

A subtle, moving adaptation of Kazuo Ishiguro's heartbreaking novel, the film proved that Carey Mulligan's Oscar nomination last year wasn't a

flake.

### Black Swan

Though it's been jokingly referred to as Showgirls for the art-house set, Darren Aronofsky's mind-bending look inside the world of professional ballet will leave you blinking at the screen.

### The Ghost Writer

Though likely not Tony Blair's favourite film of the year, Roman Polanski's taut thriller about a memoir-writing former Prime Minister with something

to hide was chilling and near-perfect.

### Toy Story 3

Proving that franchises don't have to decline in quality as they go on — I'm looking at you, Shrek — this wasn't just a great animated film, it was a great film.

### Blue Valentine

Absolutely devastating portrayal of a marriage imploding, this too-real drama starring Ryan Gosling and Michelle Williams will haunt you.

### Scott Pilgrim vs. The World

Edgar Wright's comic adaptation was possibly the most entertaining and original film of the year. Practically an anthem for the video game generation.

### The Kids Are All Right

Anchored by a pair of hilariously flawed performances by Annette Bening and Julianne Moore as lesbian parents, this film's portrait of a modern family hit all the right notes.

## Downs

### Eat Pray Love

Beautiful to look at, as long as you don't listen to Julia Roberts' character's lamentations about being spiritually unfulfilled. It's two and a half hours of yuppie faux-spirituality, objectifying native cultures and rampant self-absorption.

### For Colored Girls

Tyler Perry's clumsy adaptation — and even clumsier direction — left his stellar cast of actresses twisting in

the wind.

### Robin Hood

Ridley Scott's bloated, plodding retelling of the origins of Sherwood Forest's most famous resident, played by a scowling, grumbly Russell Crowe, was almost as boring as it was needlessly mean to the French.

### Valentine's Day

A rom-com omnibus packed with pretty faces in various states of romantic distress, this overstuffed confection is about as aggressively sweet as they come. But in case you didn't

get enough, the folks behind it have New Years Eve on tap next.

### Clash of the Titans

This remake's worst crime was tossing the original's bright colours and campiness for a dour, gray slog through Ancient Greece, all led by a smile-averse Sam Worthington.

### The Back-Up Plan

Jennifer Lopez's latest bid at box office domination came off instead like a how-to guide for getting the romantic comedy genre wrong.

### Dinner for Schmucks

It seems impossible for a movie starring Steve Carell and Paul Rudd — and featuring a Zach Galifianakis cameo — to be so aggressively unfunny, but Dinner for Schmucks achieves the impossible.

### Jonah Hex

Somehow, Josh Brolin managed to appear in the best and worst westerns this year, getting top billing in both the superb True Grit and this turkey.

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# Gaga stalker makes it backstage

► 24-year-old woman reportedly already known to Gaga's team

Lady Gaga got quite a scare in London when a stalker reportedly got backstage and nearly made it to the singer, according to Hollyscoop.

"Gaga was understandably shaken by the incident but was a consummate professional and continued as per normal,

putting on a dazzling show," a source says of her show at the O2 arena.

The unidentified 24-year-old apparently made a fake backstage pass to get past security and was found heading for Gaga's dressing room. She was questioned and released.

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► Lady Gaga

## Russell, Katy have ways to keep the magic alive

Katy Perry says she and Russell Brand are finding that the secret to keeping a happy marriage between two working celebrities is being strict about schedules — and adventurous in the bedroom.

"We're both busy, but this is a huge part of my life. I call the shots on my schedule," she tells Grazia magazine. "There are weekends for Russ and weekends for me and my friends. Neither of us ever wants to lose ourselves or the other in fame."

As for how they spend those weekends? "I have secrets and magic tricks, of course. I can't share them because then you'd all know," she says. "But let's just say I'm not shy."

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### Celebrity tweets



**Joel McHale**  
My 2yr old keeps declaring

w/great merriment "Happy Stupid, Happy stupid!!!". I think we'll start celebrating that holiday as well.



**Ashley Tisdale**  
Busy and crazy day today.....

I'm officially on my Christmas break! Now in bed watching house hunters

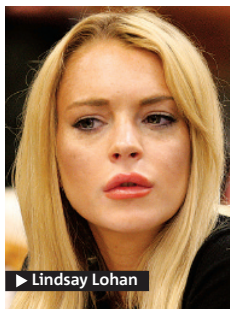


**Andy Richter**  
[@Richter\_Andy] At son's Episcopal school Christmas service. Ending's always the same; baby Jesus wins.



**Aziz Ansari**  
Damn. Forgot to hire babies off

Craigslist to pose as my fake children in my Christmas card again this year.



► Lindsay Lohan

## Clinic worker fired for discussing Lohan flap

A worker at the Betty Ford Center is speaking out after being dismissed following an incident with Lindsay Lohan.

Dawn Holland tells TMZ Lohan was drunk and violent returning to her sober-

living facility after curfew one night, while Lohan claims she was sober and Holland was abusive to her.

While an investigation is underway, Holland was fired from the rehab clinic

for violating a confidentiality agreement when she spoke with TMZ.

"The story was already way out there in the open before I spoke," Holland says.

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# Thank God that one's over

◊ We polled readers from Canada to Italy to find out which trends you never want to see again in 2011 ◊ Here are the results

As the year — and technically an entire decade depending on which math you use — draws to a close, it's only natural to reflect on the past. On the fashion front, 2010 presented

highs and lows.

You loved fashion's return to wearable clothes such as the Céline-fueled minimalist trend. But the invasion of jeggings? Not so much.

We polled readers in nine countries where we are published, to find out which trends you'd love to bury for good in the new year.

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**"I'm tired of heels so high and over-embellished that they should only be worn by drag queens."**

A METRO READER



### Ridiculously tall platform heels

They may look great on the runway, in a music video or on a street style blog, but they're difficult to walk in and often hurt. Maybe that's why über tall shoes are overwhelmingly the least popular trend among Metro readers — except the Italian ones.

**82%**

of our readers in Italy love sky-high heels.



### Trucker hats

Ages ago, Pharrell Williams made them cool. Then, Ashton Kutcher made them popular. Now, they're the accessory of choice for cheeseballs everywhere — still.



### Goth style

Times are dark enough. Why dress that way too? Based on our survey results, you're ready to kill the goth look.



### Harem pants

Fashionistas associate dhoti trousers with Givenchy couture. But most people just think of Hammer Time. Americans and Canadians have the least tolerance for drop crotch pants.



### Crocs

Let's face it. The rainbow coloured rubber clogs only really make sense on very small children. The Dutch, surprisingly, hate them the most.

**69%**

of our Dutch readers would banish Crocs from the earth



### Skinny jeans for men

Why? Because they require abnormally thin legs. And who wants to look at a man's twig legs stuffed in pants that are too tight?

**46%** OF OUR HUNGARIAN READERS THINK BALLET SLIPPER FLATS ARE LAST YEAR



### Ballet slipper flats

A timeless classic or over-exposed bore? If you ask our Hungarian and Danish readers, the comfy shoes are the latter.



**44%**

OF OUR U.S. READERS THINK UGGs ARE VILE

### Ugg boots

They bother us for a number of reasons. At the top of our list: the irritating sliding noise they make when you walk around in them.

**43%**

OF OUR CANADIAN READERS THINK VELOUR TRACKSUITS ARE "OV-AH"



### Velour track suits

It's amazing that these are still hanging around, considering that it's been nearly ten years since Jennifer Lopez and Paris Hilton first made them popular. Our Greek readers don't mind them so much, though.



### Leggings, weggings and jeggings

The knit, wet look and denim variety drive our French and Hungarian readers batty.

**Honourable mentions:** 1. Jeans with bling 2. Ed Hardy "jerk shirts" 3. Sex and the City





# Look luxe in a tux

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► Tuxedos were part of Calvin Klein's spring 2011 collection.

Holiday parties are the best excuse going to wear frilly clothes, but after a while they can seem a little fussy. The wardrobe antidote is a sleek, modern, fitted tuxedo.

The man-tailored suit — usually a jacket with lapel and trousers with a tonal-fabric stripe down the leg — can be sophisticated and super-sexy. Just look at Angelina Jolie, who wears them regularly

on the red carpet.

It's what you wear underneath, from the top down to the attitude, that makes a difference.

"It's what gives the woman a little tailored naughtiness," says Calvin Klein creative director Francisco Costa. "It's very sleek. It's for that kind of woman who really likes to have that spirit — easy in pants, structured shoulders. It says

something about her: She's a little different than everyone else."

The woman in the tuxedo suit always stands out, Costa says, but not in the same way as a woman in a red dress, or something low-cut or sheer.

"The idea of equality is bold and represents a freedom. ... I think it's provocative, but it also has power to it."

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## Modern & moody

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Hedonists rejoice in this lineup of sultry scents for the sophisticated hippy-at-heart.

#### Prada Infusion d'Iris

A creamy floral with peppery galbanum and warm cedar. Eau de toilette, \$80.

#### Crabtree & Evelyn Iris

Orris, iris's precious root, is topped by lively bergamot and cassis, and grounded by musk

and vetiver. Eau de toilette, \$45.

#### Givenchy Play for Her

A delicate veil of opposites: peppercorn with peach; sweet tiare flower with sandalwood and musk. Eau de parfum, \$79.

#### Givenchy Play for Her Intense

Play gets serious with rich accents of amyris wood, sandalwood and patchouli.

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#### Estée Lauder Sensuous Noir

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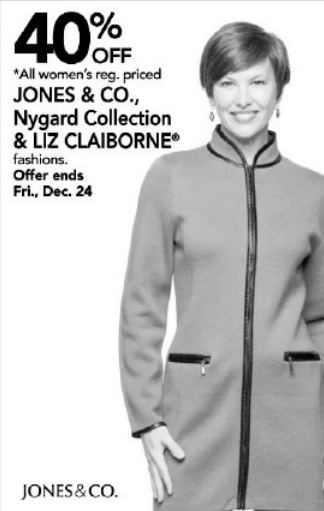
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# Go small on New Year's Eve

► Don't want a grand affair to end the year? Here are some tips for throwing a small, stylish NYE party

Maybe it's because of cost, space or just overall effort, but many people prefer hosting a smaller New Year's Eve get-together rather than a grand affair. Still, they want to send off the old year in memorable style.

E-vites are a free, convenient way to get the word out.

Web invitation sites let you track RSVPs, and provide a map with directions for your guests.

A traditional paper invite, however, is a nice touch. Make sure you're clear about details, including what will be served — is it dinner or just appetizers? Dress up or just show up?

Matching your invitation to your party's style scheme — elegant, free-wheeling or nostalgic cosy — will set the tone.

The invitation's a talisman that helps guests prepare for the evening.

Style at Home magazine's editor Christine



**Festive striped stemware**



**Gold mosaic barware**



**Godis Mix glasses**



**Nysno serving plate**



O'Hanlon suggests picking a colour scheme for the party and sticking to it. Ikea's blue and white star dish and paper goods collection would suit a dressy or casual affair.

Ballard Designs has some fun safari-print serving ware. Pier 1's colourful, striped glassware and candlesticks have a festive vibe.

Canadian interior designer Candice Olson, who is working on a new HGTV behind-the-scenes series, Candice Tells All, shares some easy, creative party ideas:

#### Switch it up

Turn the Christmas tree into a "New Year's Eve Tree" by removing the Santa and reindeer ornaments and replacing them with party favours — hats, streamers and colourful beads.

#### Time to party

"Utilize a countdown theme, and play with numbers as decorating ideas," says Olson. "Apply stick-on numbers to glasses (it's a good way to know whose glass is whose), serve number-cut cookies, and put adhesive numbers on pil-

lar candles. Use an inexpensive roll of white art paper, cut to fit the length of your table. Stencil or paint oversize numbers down the centre for an eye-catching table display." She suggests setting out a group of vintage alarm clocks on a small table, all set to ring at midnight.

#### Keep things rolling

Small gatherings are more susceptible to lulls, so have fun things to do.

A great icebreaking idea, says Olson, is to create your own low-tech photo booth with a digital

camera and nearby printer, or instant cam. Set out a selection of fun props and accessories. Snap two of everything, so guests have a souvenir and you can create a post-party album.

O'Hanlon suggests icebreakers like trivia, word and board games. Add a little social competitiveness by offering a small prize — perhaps a DVD, or a gourmet gift card.

Use a side table, console or desk as a bar cart, unless you already have one. Keep libations simple, with a signature cocktail

and a couple of drink pitchers, including alcohol-free.

Set up food buffet-style, with appetizer-size nibblers.

A round table or two offers a great spot for noshers to gather if you prefer sitting to standing around.

To finish the evening, set out bowls of colourful candies, mints, cookies and mini desserts, along with little take-out containers. Guests can bring home a bit more party flavour to enjoy before the resolutions kick in on Jan. 1. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## A resolution of decor

► New Year's resolution: To be the perfect decorator and have the perfect home

It's nearing the end of the year and my resolutions are piling up: Lose weight, eat healthy, live a stress-less life. But my biggest resolution is to complete all the small decorating projects that have been lingering since the renovation of my house last year.

Drapes in the dining room, a new faucet in the guest bathroom and a carpet runner for the upstairs hallway are just a few. Here's a list of other forgotten decor chores that could use some updating, all of which will make me a hipper decorator, I'm sure.

#### UPDATING MY LOOK

It's time



### DECOR MOMENT



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to re-frame a few older pieces of art; the ones with the 1970's frames are in desperate need of a facelift. A simple frame with a soft, metallic sheen (either silver or gold) can make any piece of art feel updated. I'm digging out the measuring tape, making sure that all my art is hung approximately 66 inches from the floor to the middle of the art. Lowering my artwork will actually make my ceilings look taller (great design trick) and give it new perspective.

#### BEING A WARMER PERSON

My dining room window desperately needs fabric and the master bedroom needs some warming up. I'm thinking of a lightweight plain wool fabric

with a coloured ribbon sewn onto the inside edge and across the bottom.

Having my drapes lined in polar-fleece type fabric will give them a full body, block sun and provide great installation from the heat and cold.

#### GETTING IN SHAPE

I have a beautiful dining table but it's not the right shape for the space I've allotted for dinner parties. My space is square, therefore I need a round or square-shaped table.

My fabulous oval table is overbearing in the square space and should find a new home in a longer, rectangular room. My ideal table would have a pedestal base. Corner legs tend to get in the way when squeezing extra guests at the table.

#### BECOMING HIP

It's time for an update ... My Barely There alabaster-coloured paint is washing itself out and my walls are crying for more umph! I'm thinking about giving into the trend of darker walls and a rich, warm grey will add drama and cool down



► Glass vases can add colour trends to a room

all the neutral taupe, brown and cream that I have collected in sofas, area rugs and wood furniture. Perhaps a few new pillows, lampshades and glass vases in colours like bright yellow or purple will help keep my living room on trend without a huge investment.

What is your decorating resolution for this year? Is it to add more personality to your space, to complete the furnishings or to add a new colour to the walls? I'd love to hear about your plans and projects so please send a photo (I always love to see ugly before shots) and a short description of your decorating projects to home@metronews.ca.



► Flannel drapes add warmth to a room.



# Ramsay cafe charms with paninis, latte, love



► Perfecto Prosciutto Panini

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► This neighbourhood gem offers fresh-baked bread, warm service

## LUNCH RUSH

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Charming doesn't begin to describe Caffè Rosso, a coffee house that bakes its own bread and offers free wireless Internet. Staff are so warm they melted the snow that clung to my coat.

Located in a squat cafeteria building in front of an old foundry, the cafe is the Ramsay neighbourhood's not-so-secret gem. The lunch menu is limited to six paninis (\$8), but they all go well with the Illy espresso pulled here.

The Sicilian tuna on marble rye had all the right punctuations includ-

ing capers, green olives and Swiss cheese, along with dashes of artichokes and spinach.

Smoked prosciutto is a nice change from the regular salty pork in the Perfecto panini, which came on ciabatta bread with melty mozzarella, baby arugula, tomatoes and pesto.

If you prefer, scones, cakes and other tasty treats are also available.

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## Beef Tourtière



### Ingredients:

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- 1 each minced onion and minced garlic clove
- Celery stalk, diced
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) each dried thyme and sage
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground cloves and cinnamon
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) mashed potatoes
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) fresh parsley, minced
- 2 frozen pie shells (each 23 cm/9 inches), thawed

### Beef Tourtière Preparation:

- 1 In a large, deep skillet over medium-high heat, pan-fry ground beef, ground pork, onion and garlic. Drain. Add chicken broth, celery, thyme, sage, cloves and cinnamon; cook for 10 minutes or until no liquid remains. Remove from heat. Stir in mashed potatoes and parsley.
- 2 Spoon into pie shell. Top with second pie crust and cut steam vents in top crust.
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# The season to sparkle



## Top toys

Find out what children around the world are hoping to see under their Christmas trees this year. {page 25}



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# Top toys around the world

► What's the most popular gift for young ones, and the young-at-heart? ► We asked local retailers in 14 different countries. ► Some have real Buzz.



## UNITED STATES, UNITED KINGDOM, SPAIN JET PACK BUZZ LIGHTYEAR

**Why popular:** Sorry Dad, he doesn't actually fly, but the jetpack makes whirring sounds, and the laser is movie-accurate. Plus: He says things from "Toy Story 3."  
(SOURCE: TOYS R US; BRITAIN'S TOY RETAILERS ASSOCIATION; JUGUETERIA FANTASIA)



## HOLLAND MINI-KITCHEN BY MIELE

**Why popular:** This toy oven has more features than your own, and plays music, too.  
(SOURCE: BART SMIT)



## CANADA BARBIE VIDEO GIRL WITH BUILT-IN VIDEO CAMERA

**Why popular:** You can record up to 30 minutes of movie, via a camera hidden in Barbie's chest. Very cool but a little creepy.  
(SOURCE: CANADIAN TOY ASSOCIATION; ONE OF 108 HOT TOYS)

## SWEDEN, ITALY, FRANCE PAPER JAMZ ELECTRIC GUITAR

**Why popular:** Black Sabbath. Judas Priest. Lady Gaga. Kids can play anything on this paper-thin, battery-operated guitar.  
(SOURCE: METRO SWEDEN; LITTLE BIG TOWN; GRAND PRIX DU JOUET)



## MEXICO DINO VALLEY TOY SETS

**Why popular:** Kids can act out "Jurassic Park" in the safety of their own home.  
(SOURCE: MERCERIA DEL REFUGIO)



## BRAZIL LIV DOLLS

**Why popular:** Barbie is a nerd compared to these fashionistas, who shop, skateboard and rock out after getting their nails done.  
(SOURCE: RIHAPPY)



## SOUTH AFRICA OREGON SMARTGLOBE

**Why popular:** Touch the pen to any country and you'll hear interesting facts, updatable online.  
(SOURCE: REGGIE'S)



## AUSTRALIA BEYBLADE METAL FUSION BATTLE TOP

**Why popular:** String a ripcord through the top and these discs spin around, knock one another off the table.  
(SOURCE: TOYS R US AUSTRALIA)



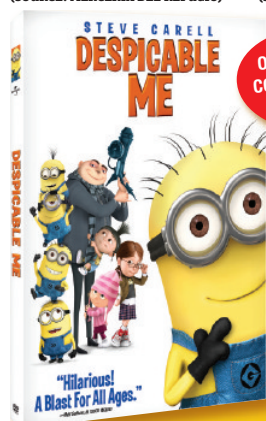
## HONG KONG BANDAI BEN 10 LEGACY OMNITRIX

**Why popular:** The "Ben 10" anime series follows a kid who wears an Omnitrix, the ultimate weapon, on his wrist.  
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# Stuff for all your men

► Hair, face and body care gifts for the fellas from Janine Falcon



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**Origins Express Male Face Kit, \$40**  
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# The wine tipping point

► Tip postie, dog walker, hairdresser with vino

That's the suggestion of noted Canadian wine writer, speaker and judge Natalie MacLean, who is no slouch at choosing the right vino to fit the recipient's personality.

"I wanted to find a way to approach wine that is fun, takes the snobbery out of it and gives drinkers more confidence," she said in an interview.

"Once I had the notion about all those people who we tip, or unusual people who provide service all year around, 'I thought, let's say thank you with a bottle of wine.'"

MacLean says that wine "is a little different than a monetary tip or a gift like candles and soap, which I am sure everyone is tired of."

If a large bottle of wine seems daunting, most liquor stores and wine outlets have half-sized bottles of everything from red and white to sparkling wines which she suggests pairing with a corkscrew or wine book.

It's always wise to make sure the gift is something the recipient will appreciate and that the person isn't an abstainer for religious or health reasons. Here, from her recent blog, are several wine suggestions for those who serve you faithfully.

**Hairdresser:** For the person who combines humour and optimism, go for a light gulpable wine like a dry rosé.

**Mail deliverer:** Choose a winery that is consistent

year after year in producing a tippable that can be enjoyed in snow, rain, sleet or hail. Try an Australian Shiraz or Argentine Malbec.

**Personal trainer:** Think a muscular, robust red would work? Hold that position. Instead, try Riesling as this light white wine pairs well with a health-nut diet of salad and seafood, plus it is low in alcohol.

**Financial planner:** Sticking to a long-term view, vintage port makes the perfect gift.

"This fortified wine from northern Portugal with its long aging potential will be around for both of you into your retirements."

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# Gifts that glitter



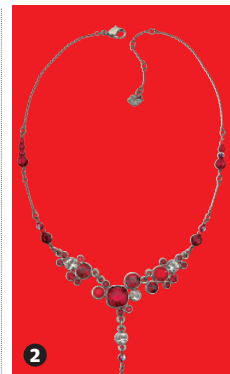
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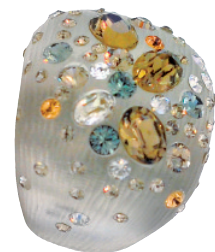
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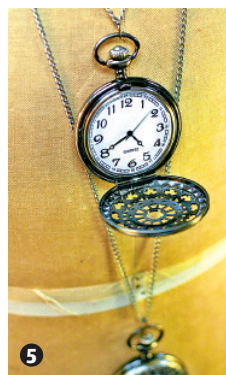
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# NHL demotion has silver lining

► Being sent back to the WHL lets Schenn play for Canada's juniors

Brayden Schenn played just more than eight minutes for the Los Angeles Kings in a 3-1 victory over the New Jersey Devils on Oct. 30, and then he sat, and sat, and sat.

For the better part of a month, the talented 19-year-old centre from Saskatoon was left idle, trying unsuccessfully not to think too much about his situation. With eight games under his belt, Schenn was approaching the 10-game threshold that would activate a year of his NHL contract and all but assure he wouldn't return to junior this season.

So he sat, contemplating the uncertainty. Would he stay in the NHL? Would he be sent back to the Brandon Wheat Kings of the Western Hockey League? Would he play again for Canada at the world junior hockey championship? He didn't have a clue about what was going to happen.

"I didn't get told anything," the baby-faced Schenn said in a recent interview. "Three weeks, up until I got sent to Manchester (of the American Hockey League on Nov. 17 for a conditioning stint), came back from Manchester and I didn't really get told anything. I'm sure they were unsure what they were going to do with me."

"Everything is going

**"They're calling the Americans the favourite, that's fine by us."**

BRAYDEN SCHENN

through your head when you're not playing and you're sitting there in the hotel ... A lot goes through your mind."

Some closure finally came Dec. 3, two days after Schenn returned to the Kings from his two-week stint with the AHL Monarchs, when he was sent back to Brandon. Disappointed over the demotion, the silver lining was that he would be able to rejoin the national junior team and help try to avenge last January's loss in the gold-medal final to the Americans.

Still, it took the fifth-overall pick in the 2009 draft a while to get over the sting of being returned to the WHL and having to put off his NHL dream for another year.

"I'll agree with them, maybe it was the right decision. I guess I'll find out in the future," said Schenn, the younger brother of Toronto Maple Leafs defenceman Luke Schenn. "You can't argue with L.A. there. They've produced a lot of good players, they hold my future and they're going to do what's best for me."

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► Brayden Schenn celebrates with goalie Olivier Roy on Tuesday.

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## Quoted



**"I understand I'm going to get asked this question frontways, sideways, backways, and all this, but it is a personal matter."**

NEW YORK JETS COACH REX RYAN, ON A REPORT POSTED BY THE SPORTS WEBSITE DEADSPIN THAT SHOWS FOUR FOOT-FETISH VIDEOS OF A WOMAN WHO BEARS A CLOSE RESEMBLANCE TO RYAN'S WIFE, MICHELLE.

## Raps' gift to Pistons: End to losing streak

Richard Hamilton scored a season-high 35 points, Rodney Stuckey had 21 and the Detroit Pistons beat Toronto 115-93 last night, snapping a five-game losing streak against the Raptors.

The Pistons fell one point shy of matching a season high and ended an eight-game road skid, winning away from home for the first time since Nov. 14 at Sacramento.

The Raptors trailed by 25

**115** **93**  
PISTONS RAPTORS

points in the third quarter of a Dec. 11 game at Detroit, but rallied to win 120-116 for the biggest comeback in team history.

There was no such rally in this one. Detroit led by

32 and easily sent the short-handed Raptors to their eighth loss in 10 games.

Leandro Barbosa scored 21 points, Linas Kleiza had 19 and Andrea Bargnani 16 for Toronto. DeMar DeRozan and Ed Davis each scored 10 points and Jose Calderon had 13 assists for Toronto, the third straight time he's reached double digits.

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## Sports in brief



### Anthony out for game

NBA. Denver Nuggets star Carmelo Anthony missed last night's game against the San Antonio Spurs following a death in his family.

Nuggets coach George Karl said he didn't want to predict when Anthony might return to the team. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Newton is AP's top player

FOOTBALL. Cam Newton is reaping the rewards for helping top-ranked Auburn vault to the U.S. college football championship game from the back of the top 25. The Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback has added AP Player of the Year to his collection of honours.

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## NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

|                | GP | W  | L  | OTL | SL | GF  | GA  | Pts | Home     | Away     | Last 10 | Strk |
|----------------|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|----------|----------|---------|------|
| d-Philadelphia | 35 | 22 | 8  | 2   | 3  | 117 | 87  | 49  | 12-6-2-0 | 10-2-2-1 | 7-2-0-1 | L1   |
| d-Washington   | 36 | 20 | 12 | 2   | 2  | 109 | 100 | 44  | 12-3-1-2 | 7-8-1-0  | 2-6-1-1 | W2   |
| d-Montreal     | 34 | 19 | 13 | 2   | 0  | 89  | 77  | 40  | 12-5-2-0 | 7-8-0-0  | 4-5-1-0 | L2   |
| Pittsburgh     | 35 | 23 | 10 | 2   | 0  | 115 | 81  | 48  | 12-6-1-0 | 11-4-1-0 | 8-2-0-0 | W2   |
| Tampa Bay      | 34 | 19 | 10 | 3   | 2  | 105 | 111 | 43  | 10-2-1-1 | 9-8-2-1  | 7-1-1-1 | L1   |
| Atlanta        | 36 | 19 | 12 | 1   | 4  | 117 | 104 | 43  | 10-7-0-2 | 9-5-1-2  | 6-2-0-2 | L1   |
| NY Rangers     | 35 | 20 | 14 | 1   | 0  | 105 | 91  | 41  | 8-8-1-0  | 12-6-0-0 | 6-4-0-0 | L1   |
| Boston         | 32 | 17 | 11 | 1   | 3  | 89  | 68  | 38  | 8-6-1-2  | 9-5-0-1  | 5-3-1-1 | L1   |

|              |    |    |    |   |   |    |     |    |         |          |         |    |
|--------------|----|----|----|---|---|----|-----|----|---------|----------|---------|----|
| Carolina     | 32 | 15 | 13 | 0 | 4 | 90 | 99  | 34 | 7-5-0-1 | 8-8-0-3  | 4-3-0-3 | L1 |
| Buffalo      | 34 | 14 | 16 | 4 | 0 | 89 | 97  | 32 | 8-9-1-0 | 6-7-3-0  | 5-4-1-0 | W1 |
| Ottawa       | 35 | 19 | 17 | 3 | 1 | 81 | 106 | 32 | 8-9-1-1 | 9-8-2-0  | 3-4-2-1 | L2 |
| Florida      | 32 | 15 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 87 | 83  | 30 | 7-6-0-0 | 8-11-0-0 | 4-6-0-0 | L2 |
| Toronto      | 33 | 12 | 17 | 2 | 2 | 75 | 102 | 28 | 8-7-2-1 | 4-10-0-1 | 4-6-0-0 | L3 |
| NY Islanders | 31 | 7  | 18 | 3 | 3 | 67 | 105 | 20 | 5-7-1-2 | 2-11-2-1 | 3-6-0-1 | W1 |
| New Jersey   | 33 | 9  | 22 | 1 | 1 | 59 | 103 | 20 | 5-8-1-1 | 4-14-0-0 | 2-8-0-0 | L3 |

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

|             | GP | W  | L  | OTL | SL | GF  | GA  | Pts | Home     | Away     | Last 10 | Strk |
|-------------|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|----------|----------|---------|------|
| d-Detroit   | 33 | 21 | 8  | 3   | 1  | 110 | 92  | 46  | 13-4-2-1 | 8-4-1-0  | 4-4-2-0 | W1   |
| d-Dallas    | 34 | 21 | 10 | 1   | 2  | 100 | 92  | 45  | 12-3-1-1 | 9-7-0-1  | 6-2-1-1 | W3   |
| d-Vancouver | 32 | 19 | 8  | 3   | 2  | 105 | 83  | 43  | 11-3-1-1 | 9-5-2-1  | 6-2-2-0 | L1   |
| Colorado    | 34 | 19 | 11 | 4   | 0  | 121 | 110 | 42  | 10-5-1-0 | 9-6-3-0  | 6-2-2-0 | L1   |
| San Jose    | 34 | 18 | 11 | 4   | 1  | 102 | 95  | 41  | 9-6-2-1  | 9-7-2-0  | 6-3-0-1 | W3   |
| Chicago     | 35 | 19 | 14 | 2   | 1  | 115 | 104 | 41  | 11-9-0-0 | 9-5-2-1  | 6-3-1-0 | W3   |
| Nashville   | 33 | 17 | 10 | 2   | 4  | 84  | 83  | 40  | 8-2-3-2  | 9-8-1-0  | 7-2-1-0 | L2   |
| Anaheim     | 38 | 18 | 16 | 2   | 2  | 88  | 111 | 40  | 11-6-0-1 | 7-10-2-1 | 5-4-0-1 | L1   |
| Los Angeles | 32 | 19 | 12 | 1   | 0  | 95  | 79  | 39  | 11-2-1-0 | 8-10-0-0 | 6-3-1-0 | W1   |
| Phoenix     | 32 | 15 | 10 | 4   | 3  | 89  | 93  | 37  | 6-4-2-2  | 9-6-2-1  | 4-4-0-2 | L1   |
| Columbus    | 33 | 17 | 13 | 2   | 1  | 85  | 91  | 37  | 9-8-0-1  | 8-5-2-0  | 4-5-1-0 | W1   |
| St. Louis   | 33 | 16 | 12 | 2   | 3  | 86  | 93  | 37  | 10-4-0-2 | 6-8-2-1  | 4-4-1-1 | W1   |
| Minnesota   | 32 | 15 | 13 | 1   | 3  | 79  | 91  | 34  | 8-7-0-2  | 7-11-1-1 | 5-3-1-1 | W2   |
| Calgary     | 35 | 14 | 18 | 1   | 2  | 92  | 103 | 31  | 9-7-0-0  | 5-11-1-2 | 4-5-0-1 | L3   |
| Edmonton    | 32 | 12 | 15 | 1   | 4  | 85  | 110 | 29  | 6-8-1-1  | 6-7-1-2  | 6-3-0-1 | L1   |

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or L3 (shootout loss) column.

## Last night's results

N.Y. Islanders 2 Tampa Bay 1 (OT)

Pittsburgh 5 Florida 2

Detroit 5 Vancouver 4 (OT)

Chicago 4 Nashville 1

Tuesday's results

Calgary 3 Calgary 1

Dallas 5 Montreal 2

San Jose 2 Edmonton 1

Buffalo 5 Anaheim 2

Los Angeles 5 Colorado 0

St. Louis 4 Atlanta 2

Washington 5 New Jersey 1

Tonight's games

All times Eastern

Atlanta at Boston, 7 p.m.

Florida at Buffalo, 7 p.m.

N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 7 p.m.

Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Washington, 7 p.m.

Montreal at Carolina, 7 p.m.

Vancouver at Columbus, 7 p.m.

Detroit at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

Ottawa at Nashville, 8 p.m.

Calgary at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Minnesota at Colorado, 9 p.m.

Edmonton at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Phoenix at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Tonorrow-Saturday

No Games Scheduled.

## RED WINGS 5, CANUCKS 4 (OT)

First Period

1. Detroit, Cleary 15 (Bertuzzi, Rafalski) 8:12

Penalties — None.

Second Period

2. Vancouver, H.Sedin 7 (Kessler, D.Sedin) 1:11 (pp)

3. Detroit, V.Filipula 8 (Cleary, Ericsson) 6:29

4. Vancouver, D.Sedin 17 (Kessler, Ehrhoff) 11:21 (pp)

5. Vancouver, Samuelsson 7 (H.Sedin) 19:39

Penalties — Rafalski Det (cross-checking) 0:36, Bickel Vcr (interference) 1:35, Haimenstrom Det (high-sticking) 2:56, Samuelsson Vcr (interference) 6:57, V.Filipula Det (dosing hand on puck) 10:33.

Third Period

6. Detroit, Zetterberg 11 (Kronwall, Salei) 1:54

7. Vancouver, Tambellini 7 (Kessler) 12:10

8. Detroit, Lidstrom 8 (Zetterberg, Rafalski) 16:06 (pp)

Penalties — Edler Vcr (high-sticking) 5:30, Burrows Vcr (cross-checking) 15:09.

Overtime

9. Detroit, Zetterberg 12 (Rafalski, Helm) 2:59

Penalties — None.

Shots

Vancouver 17 13 8 1—39

Detroit 14 11 19 1—45

Goal — Vancouver: Luongo (L16-8-3); Detroit: Howard (W18-6-2). Power plays (goals-chances) — Vancouver: 2-3; Detroit: 1-4.

Referees — Chris Rooney, Don Van Massen-hoven. Linesmen — Greg Devorski, Steve Miller.

Att. — 20,066 (27,562) at Detroit.

## LATE TUESDAY

## SHARKS 2, OILERS 1

First Period — No Scoring.

## NBA

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

|              | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
|--------------|----|----|------|-----|
| d-Boston     | 23 | 4  | .852 | —   |
| d-Miami      | 21 | 9  | .700 | 3½  |
| d-Chicago    | 18 | 9  | .667 | 5   |
| Atlanta      | 19 | 12 | .613 | 6   |
| New York     | 17 | 12 | .586 | 7   |
| Orlando      | 16 | 12 | .571 | 7½  |
| Indiana      | 13 | 14 | .481 | 10  |
| Milwaukee    | 11 | 16 | .407 | 12  |
| Philadelphia | 11 | 18 | .379 | 13  |
| Detroit      | 10 | 19 | .345 | 14  |
| Toronto      | 10 | 19 | .345 | 14  |
| Charlotte    | 9  | 19 | .321 | 14½ |
| New Jersey   | 9  | 21 | .300 | 15½ |
| Cleveland    | 8  | 21 | .276 | 16  |
| Washington   | 7  | 20 | .259 | 16  |

|               |    |    |      |     |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| San Antonio   | 25 | 3  | .893 | —   |
| Dallas        | 23 | 5  | .821 | 2   |
| d-L.A. Lakers | 21 | 8  | .724 | 4½  |
| d-Utah        | 21 | 9  | .700 | 5   |
| Oklahoma City | 20 | 10 | .667 | 6   |
| Denver        | 16 | 11 | .593 | 8½  |
| New Orleans   | 17 | 12 | .586 | 8½  |
| Portland      | 15 | 14 | .517 | 10½ |
| Phoenix       | 13 | 14 | .481 | 11½ |
| Houston       | 13 | 15 | .464 | 12  |
| Memphis       | 12 | 17 | .414 | 13½ |
| Golden State  | 10 | 18 | .357 | 15  |
| L.A. Clippers | 8  | 21 | .276 | 17½ |
| Minnesota     | 6  | 24 | .200 | 20  |
| Sacramento    | 5  | 21 | .192 | 19  |

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

|               | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| d-San Antonio | 25 | 3  | .893 | —   |
| Dallas        | 23 | 5  | .821 | 2   |
| d-L.A. Lakers | 21 | 8  | .724 | 4½  |
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| L.A. Clippers | 8  | 21 | .276 | 17½ |
| Minnesota     | 6  | 24 | .200 | 20  |
| Sacramento    | 5  | 21 | .192 | 19  |

## d — division leader

Last night's results

Atlanta 98 Cleveland 84

Detroit 115 Toronto 93

Chicago 87 Washington 80

Boston 84 Philadelphia 80

New York 112 Oklahoma City 98

Utah 112 Minnesota 107

New Orleans 105 New Jersey 91

San Antonio 109 Denver 103

Houston at L.A. Clippers

Tuesday's results

Oklahoma City 99 Charlotte 81

Dallas 105 Orlando 99

Chicago 121 Philadelphia 76

New Jersey 101 Memphis 94

Golden State 117 Sacramento 109 (OT)

Milwaukee 98 L.A. Lakers 79

Tonight's games

All times Eastern

San Antonio at Orlando, 8 p.m.

Milwaukee at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Miami at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

Pistons 115, Raptors 993

Detroit (115)

Prince 3-9 0-0-6, Villanueva 8-15 2-2 18, Wallace 1-2 2-4-4, Stuckey 9-15 3-3 21, Gordon 1-7

2-2-4, Monroe 2-3 3-3 35, McGrady 8-12 0-0 17, Hamilton 13-20 3-5 35, Maxiell 0-2 0-0 0,

Bynum 1-10 0-3, Daye 0-4 0-0 0, Wilcox 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 46-90 15-19 115.

TORONTO (93)

Kleiza 7-11 4-19, Johnson 1-20 0-2,

Bargnani 6-17 4-7 16, Calderon 1-6 2-2 5,

DeRozan 4-7 2-2 10, Davis 4-5 2-3 10, Barbosa 7-12 4-5 21, Wright 3-4 0-0 6, Dorsey 2-0 0-4,

Alabi 0-1 0-0 0, Totals 35-67 18-23 93.

Detroit 24 38 24 —115

Toronto 23 21 24 25 —93

3-Point Goals—Detroit 8-23 (Hamilton 6-10,

Bynum 1-1, McGrady 1-2, Prince 0-1, Villanueva

0-2, Daye 0-2, Gordon 0-2, Stuckey 0-3), Toronto

5-14 (Barbosa 3-6, Kleiza 1-3, Calderon 1-4,

Bargnani 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—

Detroit 44 (McGrady 7), Toronto 41 (Wright 6).

Assists—Detroit 27 (McGrady 7), Toronto 26

(Calderon 13). Total Fouls—Detroit 18, Toronto

15. Technicals—Toronto defensive three second 2.

A—15,303 (19,800) at Toronto.

## LEAGUE LEADERS

## SCORING AVERAGE

|  | G | FG | FT | PTS | AVG |
|--|---|----|----|-----|-----|
|--|---|----|----|-----|-----|

Durant, OKC 25 221 210 690 27.6

Stoudemire, NYK 28 281 174 742 26.5

Bryant, LAL 29 255 194 745 25.7

Ellis, LAL 28 272 129 716 25.6

Nowitzki, DAL 28 256 149 687 24.5

James, MIA 30 244 203 729 24.3

Not including last night's games

## TRANSACTIONS

## BASEBALL

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

BOSTON RED SOX—Named Arnie Beyer manager of Pawtucket (IL). Kevin Boles manager of

Portland (EL). Bruce Grabbe manager, Kevin

Walker pitching coach and Alex Ochoa hitting

coach for Salem (Carolina). Dick Such pitching

coach at Greenville (SAL). Carlos Febles manager

and Paul Abbott pitching coach for Lowell

(N.Y.-Penn.). George Lombard manager and Dave

Tomlin pitching coach for Gulf Coast Red Sox.

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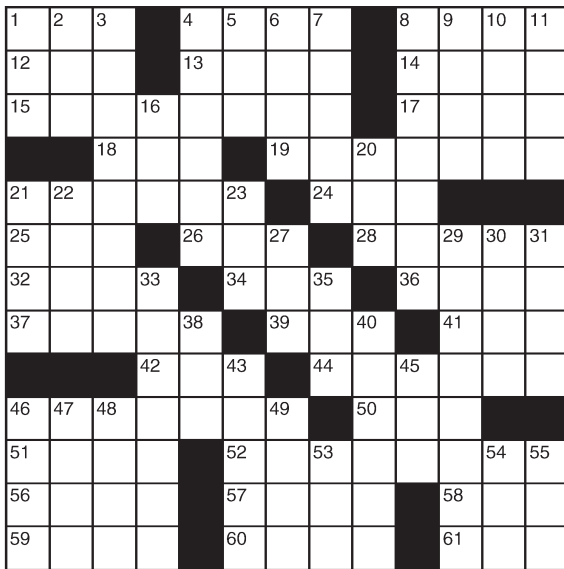
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### Across

- 1 Jungfrau, for one  
4 Docket entry  
8 White spread  
12 Vast expanse  
13 Awestruck  
14 Pinnacle  
15 Fence for defense  
17 Anatomical network  
18 See 6-Down  
19 Ache aid  
21 Pluto, once  
24 Historic boy king  
25 Tease  
26 Tear  
28 Re Benedict XVI  
32 Earthenware pot  
34 Promptly  
36 Tibetan monk  
37 Commemorative pillar  
39 Homer's interjection  
41 Parcel of land  
42 Winter ailment  
44 Put the — on (stop)  
46 Ocean motion  
50 Toast topping  
51 Curved moulding  
52 One of Rome's seven hills  
56 Evidenced a pinprick  
57 Sweeping story  
58 "Platoon" setting, for short  
59 Missile shelter  
60 Dweeb  
61 Chances, for short

### Down

- 1 Venomous viper  
2 Meadow  
3 Easily perceived  
4 Friendly ghost  
5 — Khan



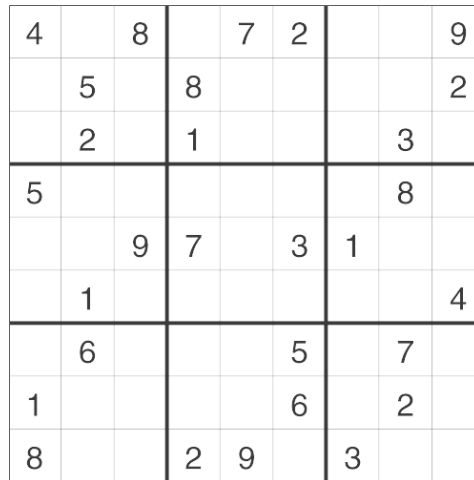
- 6 With 18-Across, carbonated drink  
7 Spew out  
8 Wedlock-related  
9 Unoriginal one  
10 Bigfoot's cousin  
11 The yoke's on them  
16 Accelerator bit  
20 Young seal  
21 Experts  
22 Springlike melody  
23 Stanum  
27 Spacecraft compartment  
29 Cream-coloured horse

- 30 Andy's pal  
31 Strip of wood  
33 Fettuccine sauce  
35 Moo goo gai pan  
38 Hearty brew  
40 Commandeer  
43 Let off the hook?  
45 Cudgel  
46 Kernels' cores  
47 Wrinkly citrus  
48 Bobbin  
49 Recording  
53 Whopper  
54 Siesta  
55 Type measures

### ► Yesterday's answer



## Sudoku



## How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

### ► Yesterday's answer

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| 6 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 5 |
| 4 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 3 |
| 3 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 8 |
| 7 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| 5 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| 9 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 |
| 8 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 9 | 3 | 4 |

## A look at the weather

| TODAY               | THURSDAY           | FRIDAY             |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Min -12°<br>Max -6° | Min -10°<br>Max 1° | Min -7°<br>Max -1° |

### Andrew Schultz, Meteorologist

"I get to spread the word on how your day, evening or weekend will shape up with our ever-changing weather here in Alberta." WEEKDAYS 6AM



## Today's horoscope

**♈ Aries** March 21-April 20 Your mind may be turning to fun and festivities but this is still the ideal time to get on the good side of employers and people in positions of authority. Let them know you work hard.

**♉ Taurus** April 21-May 21 The old days are over and there is no going back. Once you accept that fact you will find that a whole new world of possibilities opens up to you, a world that has always been there but which you were too blind to see.

**♊ Gemini** May 22-June 21 You need help with your money situation and if you don't speak up right away you are unlikely to get it. Confide in those you trust and, most importantly, take their advice.

**♋ Cancer** June 22-July 22 Be gentle and generous with friends and family members. No matter how many times in the past you may have fallen out you will get along brilliantly today and over the holiday period.

**♌ Leo** July 23-Aug. 23 Take life at a more relaxed and enjoyable pace. You've done as much as you can for the time being and now you have every right to cut back on your busy schedule and enjoy the next few days.

**♍ Virgo** Aug. 24-Sept. 22 You've had more than your share of up and downs in recent weeks but now everything will smooth out again, at least for a while.

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca)

**♎ Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Home and family matters will be less of a burden than they have been of late. Your problems won't just disappear, of course, but they won't seem quite so important any more.

**♏ Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 If you stay at home by yourself or spend all your time on your work you will reduce your options considerably and miss out on opportunities in the wider world.

**♐ Sagittarius** Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Forget about dollars and cents and have a good time. If you can't have fun at this time of year when can you? Your financial situation may not be perfect but neither is it disastrous.

**♑ Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You may be acutely concerned with your status and reputation but every now and then you go to the other extreme and play the fool, just for laughs. Today will bring out the comedian in you.

**♒ Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Listen to your inner voice and act on what it tells you, even though a dozen other voices say you should be doing the opposite. Do what your heart says is right and proper.

**♓ Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20 Express your opinions openly and honestly. Some people may be offended but that just shows you are on the right track, that your criticisms have found the target. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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